

Home Occupations in Maplewood

All home occupations in Maplewood must register with the city and meet all ordinance requirements. An annual permit must be obtained. This permit allows a business use at a residential property only if the residential character of the neighborhood is maintained.

Certain types of businesses may also require a license from the city, county, or state. Please check with the county and state to see if your business requires a license from them. Further, certain types of businesses are restricted or not allowed in residential neighborhoods. For example, food/beverage operations must meet health regulations.

Chapter 14 of the Maplewood City Code regulates home businesses in the city. Some of these requirements are provided below.

- Employees - The home business must be carried out by the occupants of the dwelling unit. One non-occupant may be employed and working out of the home.
- Storage - The outside storage of materials, equipment, parts, or supplies is prohibited. For health and safety reasons, the interior storage of food/beverage and other items is restricted.
- Deliveries - Deliveries are limited to the types that typically serve residences. Such traffic and parking needed for deliveries must comply with all applicable sections of the city code.
- Parking - Parking for clients or customers visiting the property must

comply with all applicable sections of the city code and are limited to three vehicles at any one time. Storage or overnight parking of commercial vehicles, including tow-trucks, is prohibited.

- Signs - Only one non-illuminated, freestanding sign or wall sign is permitted for each home business, and may not exceed two (2) square feet in area. This sign must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet back from the property lines and public streets.
- Nuisances - A home occupation may not create a nuisance to adjoining properties or adversely affect the character of the neighborhood. This includes noise, lighting, trash or similar items.
- Hazardous Materials - The handling and use of hazardous materials is restricted. Any hazardous materials handling permits must be reported to and the use approved by the City.
- Repair Services - Repair services are limited to appliances or other items small enough to be carried by one person. Repair of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, equipment, and small engines are not permitted either as a business or a hobby in a residential area of the city.
- Motor Vehicle and Recreational Equipment Sales - Not allowed in residential areas.



- Painting - Painting of vehicles is not allowed in residential districts. Paint fumes must not exceed PCA or MN Department of Health standards.
- Other Regulations - All home occupations and hobbies must adhere to any and all applicable city, county, state and federal regulations.

Home Occupation Permit Required

A permit is required for conducting a home business.

- A home occupation permit application must be submitted and approved by the city. **Call 651-249-2300** or visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/373/Home-Occupation
- The permit period is from January 1 to December 31. Permits must be renewed each year.
- Permits are not transferable between persons or places.

Activities that one considers to be a hobby and not a business are not required to have a permit. However, the general standards that pertain to home businesses are applicable and intended to insure that the integrity of the neighborhood is maintained at all times.



Resources for Starting a Business in Minnesota

"A Guide To Starting a Business in Minnesota" contains helpful information and an extensive resource directory. It can be obtained from the Minnesota Small Business Assistance Office. For more information, please call 651-296-3871.

A business name must be filed with the Secretary of State's office. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Office at 651-296-2803.

A permit to collect and remit Minnesota Sales and Use Tax must be obtained if you sell retail items that are taxable. For more information, contact the Department of Revenue at 651-296-6181.

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500 Metro Squares
121 Seventh Place East
St. Paul, MN 55101-2146
651-297-2272

Small Business Administration, SBA
610C Butler Square Building
100 North Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-370-2324

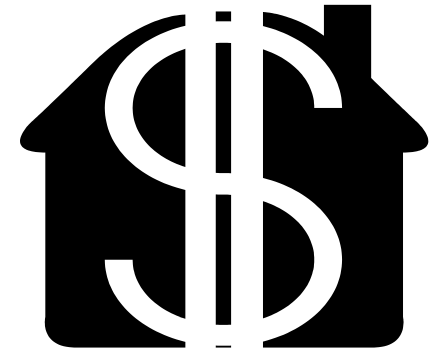


For additional information regarding home occupation requirements, please call:
Maplewood Planning Division at 651-249-2300

This brochure is intended only as a general guide. Other ordinances and codes may apply. You can reference city ordinances on the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us



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